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SUBJECT: FUNDING EGYPTIAN MILITARY AND MILITARY-RELATED PURCHASES

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1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN CONSIDERING WAYS OF ADAPTING POSSIBLE SAG-GOE MILITARY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS TO JORDANIAN REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY BELIEVES GENERAL CONCEPT OF TRUST FUND FOR MILITARY DONOR ARRANGEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT, IF IT COULD BE MADE TO APPLY TO JORDAN.

2. AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, ARRANGEMENTS IT OUTLINES PERTAIN TO CASH RATHER THAN FMS CREDIT. WHILE WE CERTAINLY DO NOT, RPT NOT, RULE OUT CASH SALES AS ONE POSSIBLE FUTURE MODE OF ARAB FINANCING FOR JORDAN, FMS CREDIT IS MODE CURRENTLY MOST UTILIZED FOR THIRD-PARTY FINANCING. WE WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION FROM DEPARTMENT THAT LETTER OF CREDIT MECHANISM COULD ALSO BE USED FOR FMS CREDIT TRANSACTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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3. FROM OUR VIEWPOINT IT WOULD BE A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE TO MOVE TO A SYSTEM THAT AVOIDS UNCERTAINTIES, COMPLICATIONS AND DELAYS IN SAUDI-JORDANIAN MILITARY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT TIMING AND OTHER RESTRAINTS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE MOVING IN REGARD TO JORDANIAN FUNDING SITUATION. WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THINKING OF DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY JIDDA AND EMBASSIES IN OTHER

POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES IN THIS REGARD.

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